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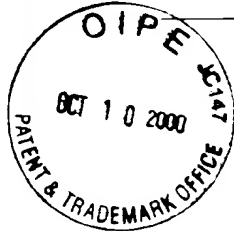
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By: *Julie Wang*  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Certified copy of a France application, Serial No. 00 06743, filed May 26, 2000, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 9 Reference(s)
- ☒ Other: Submission of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))**

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that the five of the references listed were cited in an French Search Report dated February 2, 2000. A copy of the French Search Report is enclosed. Since the French Search Report is in English, no English translation of the listed foreign references are required, pursuant to MPEP § 609(A)3.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that they have two commonly assigned co-pending applications, Serial No. 09 435,934, filed November 9, 1999, and Serial No. 09 616,282, filed July 14, 2000, and the references listed were cited in the afore-mentioned cases.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

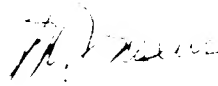
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